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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

--AS HAS SOMETIMES BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST, MAJOR TAIPEI PAPERS CARRIED CONSIDERABLE ADVERSE EDITORIAL COMMENT ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT INTERVIEW WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY SUBSTANTIVE ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE ACTUALLY SAID. INITIALLY, A BRIEF CNA-WASHINGTON DISPATCH QUOTING SECRETARY KISSINGER AS SAYING PRESIDENT FORD'S PRC VISIT WOULD NOT LEAD TO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WAS THE ONLY NEWS ITEMS APPEARING ON THE FRONTPAGES OF THE LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS (380,000) AND CHINA TIMES (350,000) AND BACKPAGES OF OTHER PAPERS. BELATEDLY, UNITED DAILY NEWS BEGAN JUNE 19 A SERIALIZATION OF THE TEXT OF THE INTERVIEW. USIS TAIPEI IS ALSO MAKING THE WIRELESS FILE EXCERPTS OF THE INTERVIEW AVAILABLE AS A BACKGROUNDER IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE TRANSLATION TO SEVERAL HUNDRED TARGETED MEDIA, GOVERNMENT, ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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RECIPIENTS.

--CHINA TIMES, COMMENTING ON KISSINGER'S REMARKS CONCERNING

PEKING'S DESIRING A CONTINUING U.S. PRESENCE IN ASIA, DOUBTED THE AUTHENTICITY OR DEPENDABILITY OF SUCH A COMMUNIST ASSERTION AND QUESTIONED HOW LONG THE MAOISTS MIGHT EXPECT THE U.S. TO REMAIN IN ASIA. ALTHOUGH PEKING MAY FEAR A SOVIET INTRUSION IF THE U.S. WITHDRAWS, WHY DIDN'T PEKING HELP THE U.S. STAY IN STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT INDOCHINA, CHINA TIMES ASKED.

--UNITED DAILY NEWS EXPRESSED PAIN AND ANXIETY OVER THE LACK OF ANY KISSINGER REPENTANCE FOR THE ALLEGED FAILURES OF U.S. DIPLOMACY AND THE RESULTING SETBACKS. KISSINGER'S DETENTE AND BALANCE-OF-POWER DIPLOMACY HAD ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING EXCEPT TO TRIGGER MISTAKEN ILLUSIONS AND FALSE OPTIMISM. THE DANGEROUS SITUATION IN ASIA TODAY IS CLEARLY THE CREATION OF U.S. POLICY SHIFTS TOWARDS THE MAOISTS, UNITED DAILY NEWS CLAIMED.

--THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE YOUTH WARRIOR DAILY NEWS TERMED PRC HOPES FOR A CONTINUING U.S. PRESENCE IN ASIA A NEW SLIGHT OF HAND AIMED AT CONVINCING THE U.S. THAT THE CHINESE AND RUSSIANS ARE VYING FOR POWER IN SOUTH ASIA, A PHONEY PEACE POSTURE AIMED AT REVIVING AMERICAN PUBLIC PRESSURE FOR MORE WITHDRAWALS, FROM ASIA.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

--AMEMBASSY CONSUL JOSEPH BORICH HAD TO SQUEEZE IN BACK DOOR TO REACH PODIUM WHEN OVER 400 PERSONS JAMMED IN TAIPEI'S 220-SEAT LINCOLN CENTER TO HEAR HIS LECTURE ON U.S. STUDENT VISAS JUNE 17. LECTURE OFFERED BASIC EXPLANATION OF U.S. VISA POLICIES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES. KEEN INTEREST IN THIS HOT TOPIC WAS INDICATED BY 1 1/2 HOUR QUESTIONS PERIOD FOLLOWING BORICH'S HOURHONG PRESENTATION. CENTER LOBBY PROMOTION OF POST-TRANSLATED U.S. TRAVEL PAMPHLET AND GUIDE TO STUDY IN U.S. RESULTED IN ON SITE CASH SALES OF OVER 200 COPIES BY CONTRACT DISTRIBUTOR. DUE TO OVERFLOW CROWD, POST SCHEDULED REPEAT OF LECTURE JUNE 26.

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--NEWSWEEK INTERNATIONAL JUNE 16 EDITION CAME THROUGH ROC CENSORSHIP REVIEW UNSCATHED ALTHOUGH CONTAINING ITEMS ON PURPORTED TAIWAN STRAITS INCIDENT AND QPOLICY (PERISCOPE), MARCOS VISIT INCLUDING MAO CARICATURE AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE SINGAPORE SALE OF OIL RIGS TO PRC.

--NOTED TAIPEI ART CRITIC KOO HSIEN-LIANG CONCLUDED THREE LINCOLN CENTER LECTURE SERIES "MODERN PAINTING IN WEST" JUNE 12 WITH SLIDE PRESENTATION ON RISE OF MODERN

AMERICAN ART AFTER WORLD WAR II. KOO'S LECTURE FOR AUDIENCE OF 100 FEATURED SLIDES FROM NY MUSEUM OF MODERN ART AND HIGH HIGHLIGHTED JACKSON POLLACK AS "MOST INFLUENTIAL ARTIST OF LAST QUARTER CENTURY."

--DR. YIP WAI-LIAM'S LECTURE ON EMILY DICKINSON, USIS TAICHUNG COMPLETED SERIES OF LECTURES ON "TRANSCENDENTALISM IN AMERICAN LITERATURE." DR. YIP'S TALK DREW APPROXIMATELY 100 LISTENERS. THE SERIES IN TAICHUNG RAN TO SIX LECTURES, INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS OF EMERSON, THOREAU, MELVILLE, WHITMAN, AND DICKINSON, AND ATTRACTED A TOTAL OF ABOUT 1,000 PERSONS, THE LARGE MAJORITY BEING COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM TUNG HAI, CHUNGHSING, PROVIDENCE, AND FENGCHIA. THE SERIES WAS EXCELLENT, SPEAKERS GENERALLY GOOD, AND SUPPORT FROM TAIPEI TIMELY.
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